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I N S T R U C T I O N S

For Captains of Vessels Navigating Between the Kara Gate Strait and the Port of Igarka on the River Yenisei

1. General Regulations

1. Before sailing for Igarka the compasses, electric or mechanical sounding apparatus also patent log must be in good working order. Special attention must be paid to adjusting of compasses. The Captain of a vessel proceeding to Igarka from the west through the Kara Gate Strait and back, is supplied by the Charterer with Soviet Nautical Charts Nos. 695, 696, 697, 698, with River Chart No. 945 sheets 1 to 6 and with the Book of Lights, Beacons and Radio Beacons of the region Kara Gate-Yenisei corrected according to the latest Nos. of Notifications to Navigators. The Captain navigating in the above-mentioned region must observe the regulations laid down in these instructions and follow the directions of the River Pilot concerning the sailing of the vessel along the fairway of the river.
2. The Captain of the vessel, approaching the Kara Gate Strait from the west, informs the Agency of the Kara Ice Operations 24 hours before approaching the Strait and awaits their instructions as to the time of either entering the Kara Sea, or as to the place where he is to await improving of the ice situation, or as to the place where he is to meet the ice-breaker.
3. The Captain of the vessel sailing in the Kara Sea must keep the Agency of the Kara Ice Operations informed about the proceeding of his vessel, availing himself for that purpose of the services of the nearest radiostations (at Anderma or Dixon). The position of the vessel, the weather and sea conditions must be reported to the agency twice every day, at 3.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Moscow time. We draw your particular attention to duly performance of this requirement. No charges are imposed by the radiostations for the above information.
4. In the event of encountering ice, the Captain of the vessel immediately notifies the Agency of the Kara Ice Operations, indicating the position of the vessel and the weather and sea conditions.
5. Every vessel entering the Kara Sea must be provided, within the limits of fair navigation practice and in consideration of sailing in ice conditions, with sufficient supplies of vessel equipment and stores, as well as with the necessary supplies of special emergency equipment (wooden girders, bolts, quick-setting cement, mats, oakum, plasters, etc.). No above materials are obtainable anywhere in the region of the Kara Sea. All drainage facilities must be in good order and in constant readiness for action. The vessel must be also provided with sufficient provisions for 60 days and sufficient bunkers as per our order taking into account that no bunkers are available in Igarka or on the way to after passing Murmansk.
6. All requests for ice-breaker assistance to help the vessel through the ice must be addressed by the Captain to the Agency of Kara Ice Operations.

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7. Any vessel in need of ice-breaker assistance through the ice must await instructions as to her movements from the Agency of Kara Ice Operations.

8. Having encountered ice, the Captain of the vessel must adapt all necessary precautions, so as not to damage the hull of the vessel and especially the steering gear and the screws, when manoeuvring his machinery through the ice.

It is also to be observed, that:

a) the vessel should enter ice from "clear water" moving at "the lowest speed" and at normal (perpendicular) angle to the edge of the ice.

b) anchoring in drifting ice is dangerous.

c) should any damage or leakage be sustained by the vessel in the ice, immediate measures must be taken by the Captain to liquidate the damage or leakage and notice by radio must be sent to the nearest icebreaker and to the Agency of Kara Ice Operations.

9. The Captain of the vessel must keep in mind that the ice-breaker can arrive at the place of the vessel location within 48 hours after the Captain's request for icebreaker assistance had been sent to the Agency of Kara Ice Operations. If in the opinion of the Agency the ice situation is not one of emergency, a plane may be sent to investigate the ice zone and then the Agency will advise the vessel to proceed without aid to "clear water" or to move to another region more favourable from the point of view of ice conditions.

10. Along the Yenisei Bay, sea-going vessels independently proceed to the anchorage of the river-pilot vessel in the estuary of the Yenisei River and back out of the river.

11. The Captain of the vessel sailing to Igarka and back must take all necessary steps to organize in the best manner his sailing, manoeuvring in the ice and during storms, during invisibility and fogs, and to protect his vessel and cargo from danger.

II. NAVIGATION AMIDST ICE AND IN CARAVANS (CONVOY)

12. The Captain of the vessel entering the lead of the ice-breaker, must obey the orders of the Captain of the icebreaker concerning navigation amidst ice and act accordingly. He is duty-bound to help the Captain of the icebreaker to effect a rapid and averagelless passage through the ice zone.

13. Vessels following the icebreaker or moving in groups (caravans) must not get ahead of one another.

14. Vessels following the icebreaker must be prepared immediately to take up the command "Full Speed Astern" and to maintain the position "Bear Steady" when beginning to move backward.

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15. The vessel following the icebreaker amidst ice must be governed by the following sound signals (see "Table" below) given either by a whistle or a siren. All signals, with the exception of signal No. 6, must be repeated by the vessels directly following the icebreaker in succession beginning with the one nearest to the icebreaker or to the vessel issuing the signal.

The demands of the icebreaker expressed by these signals must be immediately carried out by the vessels.

The signals indicated in the "Table" are also used during group navigation of vessels in caravans and the Table must, therefore, be hung up on the bridge and in the Chart room, giving easy access to it of the Captain's watchmate and enabling him to carry out the required manoeuvres without delay.

TABLE OF SOUND SIGNALS USED DURING CONVOYING VESSELS THROUGH ICE

No. of sig- nal	Signal	Meaning of signals coming	
		from escorting icebreaker	from escorted vessel.
1.	- - .	Going forward, follow in my wake,	Going forward following icebreaker
2.	- .	Slow down your speed	Slowing down
3.	. . .	Full speed astern	Going full speed astern
4.	- -	Do not follow me, stop	Stopping
5.	Attention. Jammed in ice	Attention, jammed in ice
6.	- . -	Be ready to accept tow. If vessel is already in tow, then "Release tow"	Ready to take tow "Releasing tow"
7.	- . - .	Forward. Follow channel	Going forward following channel.
8.	. - - -	Cut short interval	Cutting interval
9.	- - -	Follow the destination	Following to destination
10.	. - .	Listen to radio	Listening to radio
11.	- . . -	Attention. Watch signals	Attention, watching signals
12.	. - - .	Come to anchor	Coming to anchor
13.	- - - - -	Stop work till morning, or until more favourable conditions. During stops and until resumption of work means "get ready"	Obedying

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NOTE: 1. The sound signals for passing clear of each other in the ice, are the same as in "The Rules for Preventing Collisions of Vessels on Sea": one short sound means: "changing my course to the right"; two short sounds signify: "changing my course to the left"; three short sounds - "my machinery is working astern".

2. When sailing during fog, mist, or snowstorm, sound signals provided by Article 15 of "Rules for Preventing Collisions of Vessels on Sea", are to be applied.

3. The leading icebreaker is the icebreaker sailing in front of one or of several vessels.

4. A line indicates a "prolonged sound", a dot stands for "a short sound" (See "Rules of International Code" or "Rules for Preventing Collisions of Vessels on Sea").

5. In group work of several icebreakers the Master icebreaker is the one whose machinery is more powerful and the orders issued by the latter should be carried out by the other icebreakers if there is no contrary orders from the Agency of Kara Ice Operations.

16. Should the Captain of any convoyed vessel fail to carry out the orders of the Captain of the leading icebreaker, the latter has the right to refuse further assistance to the convoyed vessel until his orders are fulfilled.

17. The Captain of the vessel availing himself of the services of the icebreaker for convoying her through the ice, thereby expresses consent to obey the regulations of these instructions which are in accordance with the "Rules for vessels convoyed by icebreakers through the ice", existing in the U.S.S.R.

18. When sailing in a group of vessels (caravans) the Captain of a vessel must observe the following rules:

a) The speed of the vessel is regulated by the "leader" and the distance to be maintained between them is also indicated by the "leader".

b) in fog the vessel must observe particular vigilance and issue fog signals after those coming from the vessel ahead.

c) The vessel is not to leave the range of audability of the whistle of the vessel ahead.

d) When the fog is thick the leading vessel issues special instructions concerning the speed to be maintained, when the speed is diminished the leading vessel issues one long and one short whistles upon hearing which all vessels composing the caravan must also reduce their speed, when this signal is repeated the vessels reduce their speed still more, taking the necessary precautions to avoid collisions.

e) The vessels of the caravan repeat the signal (- .) one after another.

19. The Captain of a vessel sailing in a caravan or following an icebreaker must ascertain and know the co-ordinates of the position of his vessel at any moment. When the vessel is released by the icebreaker the Captain of the vessel can check the co-ordinates of his vessel with the co-ordinates of the place of release which are indicated by the icebreaker.

20. The Captain of the vessel convoyed by the icebreaker must be aware that neither the icebreaker, nor the Owner of the icebreaker, nor the Charterer bear any responsibility for damage or other losses suffered by the convoyed vessel during or as a result of being convoyed through ice or during manoeuvres connected therewith.

The Captain of the vessel is therefore under obligation to take all timely measures of precaution.

III. CONCERNING THE CONVOY OF VESSELS ALONG THE YENISEI RIVER

21. The Captain of a vessel sailing into the Yenisei River must send by radio 48 hours before approaching the place of anchorage of a pilot vessel in the estuary of the river a request to send river pilots, namely to be sent to the following two addresses: to the pilot vessel in the estuary of the Yenisei River and to the "Infloz" at the port Igarka. These are followed up later by notice addressed only to the pilot vessel 3 hours before approaching the river estuary.

As to the information to Infloz Igarka of the time of arrival at Igarka the Captain of the vessel must be guided with our general instructions to the Captains of our timechartered vessels in respect of 24 and 36 hours advance notices and 4 hours notice of the exact time of arrival. The Captain must also immediately inform Infloz Igarka of the delay of the vessel in the Kara Sea or in the estuary of the Yenisei River or on the Yenisei River after the above notices are given and the notices to be defined.

22. During landing and unloading of river pilots the Captain of the vessel is to keep in touch with the pilot vessel and to carry out all orders of the Master of the Pilot Stations located on the Pilot vessel.

23. Upon the arrival of river pilots on board a sea-going vessel, the Captain of the vessel must fill in a pilot bill and supply to the Master pilot and necessary data concerning his vessel (the draught, speed and steering qualities - "How the vessel obeys steering"). When receiving river pilots the Captain must state in the pilot bill the date, time and place of dropping and also certify safe piloting.

24. The Captain of the vessel should, when necessary and upon request of the river pilot offer the latter free use of the vessel's radiostation for communication with the nearest Soviet radiostation or pilot vessel.

25. The river pilots convey vessels only between the points from the estuary of the Yenisei River and to the Port Igarka. Within the limits of the port Igarka proper piloting service is rendered by the port pilot.

26. The Captain of a vessel sailing along the Yenisei River obeys the orders of the river pilot concerning sailing along river fairways.

The Captain of the vessel manoeuvres his machinery, while sailing on the river, in such a way as to avoid touching the edge of the channel or any other vessels.

27. During sailing along the river when fog or darkness sets in, the Captain of the vessel, if so advised by the river pilot, must anchor the vessel in a safe place until better visibility.

IV. RADIO COMMUNICATION AND RADIO NAVIGATION SERVICE

28. The communicating radio stations in the Kara Sea are Amderma, Dixon and Igarka.

29. Vessels sailing in the Kara or Barents Sea east of the meridian 45° of eastern longitude can establish bilateral radio communication with radio stations of Amderma or Dixon, while vessels sailing on the Yenisei can establish communication with Igarka or Dixon.

30. All radiograms addressed to the Agency of Kara Ice Operations or to the "Inflot" are transmitted through the above radio stations. Notices to Inflot Igarka to be given through Igarka radio station.

31. Information concerning coastal radio stations:

Name of:Co-ordination Radio :of direction- Station:al aerial	:Calling :Working :Signals :frequency :of radio:cycles :stations:	:Daily time for :observation of :vessels (at fre- :quency of 500 Kc): :Moscow time	:Answers :calls of :vessels :at a fre- :quency of
Amderma	VIM UFM	244.8 All day round	500 Kc
Dixon 73°30,4 N 80°24,4 E	VIM UPV	324.3 " " "	500 Kc
Igarka	YOP-5 UPR-5	328.0 " " "	500 Kc

Bearings may be taken through the Dixon radio station by entering additional orders to the Agency of Kara Ice Operations not later than 30 minutes before beginning the taking of bearings. An additional charge of 6 francs 25 ctm. is imposed for 1 minute.

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of work of the Dixon Radio Station at bearings taking.

32. Radio beacons operate in Kara Sea at points: Capes Belvinsky Nos (Moscow), Menshikoff, Kharasovoi, Tonky (Thin), Belyi (White) Island, Island of Vilkitsky and Cape Ieslin. Radio beacons transmit signals for bearings without preliminary orders at Moscow time appointed for that purpose. The Radio beacons do not answer vessel calls.

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE WORK OF RADIO BEACONS
IN THE KARA SEA.

Name of beacon:	Co-ordi- nates	: Calling : signals of : of R.L.H.	: Working : frequency: : Kc.	: Order and time of work : (Moscow time)
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Belvinsky Nos	70°26,8 N 59°03,7 E	3C ZS	417	
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All day round: at the be-
ginning of every hour
from 00 to 05 min. trans-
mits consecutively for
10 sec. the calling sig-
nal 3C and for 50 sec.
ZS
a long dash.

Menshikoff	70°42,5 N 57°36,5 E	3III 2Q	304.6	
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All day round:

In fogs

00-02	30-32
06-08	36-38
12-14	42-44
18-20	48-50
24-26	54-56

In clear weather

00-02	30-32
06-08	36-38

minutes of every hour;
work is automatic.
During every minute con-
secutively from 00 to 10
and from 30 to 40 se-
conds the beacon trans-
mits calling signal
3III
2Q and from 10 to
30 and from 40
to 60 seconds a
long dash- The beacon
works in a group with the
radio beacon Kharasovoi.

Tonky

69°51,5' N

61°06,2' E

3V

285.7

All day round:

In fogs

04-06	34-36
10-12	40-42
16-18	46-48
22-24	52-54
28-30	58-60

In clear weather

04-06	34-36
10-12	40-42

minutes of every hour;
work is automatic. During
every minute consecutively
the beacon transmits from
00 to 10 sec. and from 30
to 40 sec. the calling
signal 3V and from
2U

10 to 30 and from 40 to
60 sec. a long dash.

Kharasovoi 71°06,1' N

66°45,0' E

3V

304.6

All day round:

In fogs

02-04	32-34
08-10	38-40
14-16	44-46
20-22	50-52
26-28	56-58

In clear weather

02-04	32-34
08-10	38-40

minutes of every hour;
work is automatic. Du-
ring 10 sec. there is con-
secutive transmission of
the calling signal 3V
2G

and for 50 sec. a long
dash.

The beacon works in a
group with the radio
beacon Menshikoff.

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Belyi 73°19,9 N III 312,5
70°03,7 E FV

All day round:

In fogs

00-02	30-32
06-08	36-38
12-14	42-44
18-20	48-50
24-26	54-56

In clear weather

00-02	30-32
06-08	36-38

minutes of every hour. Work is automatic. During every minute there is consecutive transmission from 00 to 10 and from 30 to 40 seconds of the calling signal III

FV

and from 10 to 30 and from 40 to 60 seconds a long dash.

Vilkitsky 73°30,9 N III 322,6
75°45,8 E CF

All day round:

In fogs

02-04	32-34
08-10	38-40
14-16	44-46
20-22	50-52
26-28	56-58

In clear weather

02-04	32-34
08-10	38-40

minutes of every hour. Work is automatic. During every minute there is consecutive transmission from 00 to 10 and from 30 to 40 seconds of the calling signal III and from

CF

10 to 30 and from 40 to 60 seconds a long dash.

Ioskin 72°19,9 N III 420.0
79°33,5 E CF

All day round: from 00 to 05 minutes of every hour it transmits for 10 sec. the calling signal III and then CF for 50 sec. a long dash.

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IMPORTANT WARNINGS:

The coastal radio stations, Amderma, Igarka or others cannot be used to locate vessels in the Kara Sea, and only the radio beacons indicated above in the "Instructions" can be used for that purpose.

33. Communication with the pilot vessel anchored in the estuary of the Yenisei River is effected only for purposes of service, using the International radiogram Code H.

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PILOT VESSEL

Vessel's calling signal	Coordin- ates	Sea operating on working frequency Kc	Order and time of work (Moscow time is indicated)
YETM	71°47'0 N-	500	2300-0100
UYCI	71°41'0 N		0300-0500
	83°00' E-		0700-0900
	83°30' E		1100-1300
			1500-1700
			1900-2100

The radiostation of the pilot vessel answers calls of vessels at a frequency of 500 Kc, exchange is made on scale of international working frequencies.

34. Weather and ice reports are transmitted by radio stations Amderma and Dixon.

INFORMATION CONCERNING WEATHER FORECASTING AND
ICE TRANSMISSIONS

Name of Radio station	Calling signal	Working frequency Kc	Moscow time of transmissions
Amderma	YIL	344.8	Daily at 1845-1915 in Russian
	UPM		
Dixon	YII	324.3	Daily 1930-2000 in Russian.
	UPV		

35. The request for an icebreaker is made through the Agency of the Kara Ice Operations through the Dixon radiostation. The Agency of Kara Ice Operations will inform the Captain of the vessel, requesting the aid of an icebreaker, of the name of the icebreaker or the number of the plane which will render aid to the vessel in sailing amidst ice.

INFORMATION CONCERNING ICEBREAKERS IN THE KARA SEA

Name of ice-breaker	Calling signal	Frequency	Time of vessels radio watch
The "Kapitan Voronin"	UNX	All day round	" " "
The "Kapitan Belousov"	UV	" " "	" " "
The "Shturmovik"	VH	" " "	" " "
The "Kapitan"		" " "	" " "

V. GENERAL REMARKS

36. All questions concerning sailing amidst ice not covered by these "Instructions" are to be taken up by the Captain of the vessel with the Agency of Polar Ice Operations; questions concerning operations of the vessels in ports are subject to decision of the "Inflot".

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